

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to include a reference to the PCT application and the Japanese priority application.

A new abstract is submitted in which all reference numerals have been deleted.

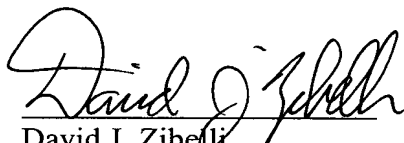
The claims have been amended to delete all reference numerals and all multiple dependencies and to change the phrase "characterized in that" to --wherein--. Twelve claims remain in the application to be examined.

Examination in light of these amendments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 202-220-4200 to discuss any matter in connection with this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to the Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted;


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